

### **REMARKS**

Claims 2-12 are pending in the application. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Powell et al., as described in paragraph 2 of the Office action. Claims 2-15 were allowed, as described in paragraph 3 of the Office action. Claim 2 is the only independent claim.

In order to expedite prosecution, claim 1 was canceled. Cancellation of claim 1 is not to be interpreted as an acquiescence by the Applicants that the claim is not patentable over the applied prior art. Applicants reserve the right to further pursue prosecution of claim 1 in a continuation or divisional application. Similarly, Applicants reserve the right to further pursue prosecution of claims 13-15 in a continuation or divisional application.

Claims 2-12 have been amended to remove “step” recitations such that the claims would not be construed under 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph. The remainder of the amendments to claims 2-12 correct dependency and generally address matters of form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-12 remain patentable over the prior art for at least the reasons discussed in paragraph 3 of the Office action.

In view of the above amendment, the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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